



# Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 6A

## Advisory Information

**Title:** **Task Force Reports – Committee of the Whole**

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**Date:** October 22, 2013

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**Attachments:** Unapproved Minutes, October 9<sup>th</sup> CoW Meeting; Staff Report to the CoW

## Requested Action

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## Background

At the May 28, 2013 Commission meeting, work on developing the guidelines for the Community Innovation Fund was referred to the Committee of the Whole. Since that time, the Committee has met twice to discuss the fund, on June 19<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>. It was determined that the Committee would develop recommendation on the various elements of the program and, after each Committee meeting, bring those recommendations to the full Commission for adoption.

## Recommendations

At the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the discussion focused on the schedule and engagement process for developing the program. The recommendations from the Committee are listed below:

- 1) The Program should begin in 2014 with the roll out of the program generally following the schedule proposed by staff.
- 2) There should be early consultation with neighborhood organizations regarding the structure of the program. To start this process the NCEC should hold four focus groups throughout the city, one for every two NCEC Districts. At least one month advance notice should be provided for these meetings.
- 3) The final guidelines should be available for a 60 day public review before they are finalized by the NCEC and presented to the City Council.
- 4) Achieving geographical balance throughout the city in should be a consideration in selecting projects for funding.